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Applicant : Hartmut Rüf
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter and consider the amendments to this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4 and 9-12 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A dyed cellulosic moulded body comprising a colorant on the basis of titanium oxide or spinelle ($MgAl_2O_4$) wherein the titanium is partially replaced by one or more heavy metals and the magnesium, respectively, is partially replaced by one or more heavy metals and wherein the colorant reduces the rise temperature of a cellulose solution in a tertiary amine oxide by at most 10°C.→